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Continuation of 3. will not be entered because:

Applicants have amended each of claims 21-23 to include the limitation: "'an approximately 5500 base pair sequence comprising approximately nucleotides 57444 to 62927 of GenBank Accession No. AF 226688", that includes a region upstream of the fibroin H chain gene promoter (HUP region), not previously examined; Thus requiring new search and consideration of patentability.

Additionally, the newly introduced limitation constitutes new matter, because while the instant specification defines the HUP region as "base numbers 57444-62927 of GenBank registration no. AF 226688" (p. 41, lines 11-12), the specification fails to disclose "approximately nucleotides 57444 to 62927" as part of any vector construct.

Continuation of 11. does not place the application in condition for allowance because:

Applicants' arguments are based on the proposed amended claims. However, as these claims have not been entered, the arguments are not found to be persuasive.

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